

SUBJECT: Awards and Decorations
TO: Deputy Director (Administration)
FROM: Advisor for Management

I. PROBLEM: Can CIA grant or secure authority to grant Military and Presidential Awards (Medal of Merit and Medal of Freedom) to civilian employees of CIA.

- II. DISCUSSION:
1. No conversations have been held with the Military Establishment except by roundabout means.
 2. The Director of Central Intelligence could recommend any military personnel or any employees of CIA who are assigned or attached to any of the Armed Services for any of the military awards under existing laws and Army Regulations.
 3. For awards of military decorations to other CIA civilians the General Counsel advises that in their opinion from the wording of the U. S. Statutes, CIA could not grant military awards to civilian employees who were not in some way assigned or attached to the Armed Forces.
 4. The Director may now recommend any CIA employee for the Presidential Awards (Medal of Merit and Medal of Freedom). General Counsel suggests it may be more appropriate to submit a specific request for each individual rather than to request quotas.

- III. RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. That specific cases for the Medal of Merit and the Medal of Freedom be submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence to the Office of the President for his approval.
 2. That the Director authorize the General Counsel to open negotiations with the Department of Defense to determine:
 - a. The procedure desired or required to process recommendations for awards for those employees who are eligible to receive such awards due to the fact that they are assigned or attached to or working in conjunction with the Armed Services.

- b. To determine possibilities of securing exceptions to known Statutes to provide a means for CIA to process recommendations for awards for personnel of CIA who are serving in hazardous positions in foreign areas not in conjunction with the Armed Services of the United States.

IV. CONCURRENCES:

General Counsel

V. ATTACHMENT:

Tab A - List of requested "quotas" by Office.